



## City of Santa Cruz Water Department and Soquel Creek Water District scwd<sup>2</sup> Desalination Program

### November 2012- Monthly Project Update and Latest News

#### Three Key E's for November: Elections, EIR, and Education

The intent of these monthly emails is to provide current, concise, and factual information related to desalination and the local water issues for the City of Santa Cruz (City) and Soquel Creek Water District (District). This month, events and up-to-date information seemed to fall into three “E” categories:

- **Elections:** Santa Cruz residents voted on Measure P, the citizens’ – generated initiative to amend the City’s Charter and require a vote for approval to construct a desalination project. A city ordinance, passed in March 2012, already formalized the City-wide vote. Results for Measure P are located here: <http://www.votescount.com/nov12/results.htm>
- **EIR:** The draft environmental impact report (EIR) is now scheduled to be released in March 2013. The schedule has been extended to include the District’s 2012 Integrated Resources Plan update, progress on the City’s Habitat Conservation Plan, and both agencies analysis on additional conservation and/or mandatory water restrictions. For more information: <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=29441>
- **Education:** Outreach and education are essential for keeping the community informed about our water supply challenges. The **scwd<sup>2</sup>** Desalination Program will continue to educate on the project evaluation and how the public can participate in the environmental review process. The City and District are also working on improving the community’s awareness of shortage issues and their integrated water planning approaches for sustainable water supplies.

#### Water restrictions ended on October 31

The City of Santa Cruz (City) and Soquel Creek Water District (District) ended their 5% water restrictions on October 31. While the warm weather this summer led to increased water use compared to previous years for the City, they still met their goal of keeping the reservoir nearly full. As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Loch Lomond Reservoir was 90% of its storage capacity. This savings creates water reserves should next year be dry.

The District’s water saving efforts was either on par or slightly above the average use throughout the summer. The increase in water use, similar to the City, may be due to the unusually warm summer and improving economy.

Both the City and the District thank our customers who were able to reduce their water use and remind everyone that we need to maintain our water saving habits. Every drop counts!

### **Longtime Soquel Creek Water District Board Member Steps Down**

After 39 years of dedicated service, Director Dan Kriege announced his resignation from the Board of Soquel Creek Water District effective October 31, 2012. Director Kriege served as Board President and Vice President for a cumulative total of 16 years and participated in many District policy decisions including water supply planning, groundwater management, water quality issues, and infrastructure improvements. During his tenure, he also served as Chairman of the County Water Districts Section of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) from 1989-1991, was appointed to the California Water Commission in 1994 and served as Chairman from 1997-1999. Director Kriege also represented Soquel Creek Water District on the joint **scwd<sup>2</sup>** Desalination Task Force from March 2007 to present, serving as Chairman from October 2009-January 2011 and from March 2012 to present.

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